an enemy, he should come into him silently without g^ 12 anv
alarum at all He crept upon his belly as far as he coaic and at
last discovered the Count Farneie with lus 2,000 Itauans, -who
were to fall on first So he came HI silently to Sir Francis wno
asked him, ' What news ? [9] * My lord,[3] said he, [e] I smell gocd
store of gold chains, bufi jerkins, Spanish cassocks and Spanish
blades' [c] Ha *' says Sir Francis Vere, * say'st thou so - I hope
thou shalt have some of them anon/ and giving him a piece *of
gold he went up again to the top of the sandhill, where he gave
express order to Serjeant Major Carpenter to go to Helniont
and every man to his charge, and not to take any alarum or shoot
off either cannon or musket shot till he himself gave the signal,
and then to give fire as fast as they could charge and discharge
When at length Sir Francis had got them under the scope of
his cannon and small shot, he poured such a volley of cannon
and musket shot upon, rating through their battalions and
making such lanes amongst them upon the bare strand, which
did so amaze and startle them that they were at a nonplus
whether to fall on or retreat again, yet at last taking courage
and tumbling over the dead bodies they talked themselves and
came under the sandhills and along the foot of the curtain to
the very piles that were stuck under the wall, where they began
to make ready to send a volley Sir Francis Vere, seeing that
they were presenting and ready to send a volley, commanded all
the soldiers to lie down, while the enemies' shot flew like a
shower of hail over their heads This done, our men rising saw
the enemy hasting to come up to the breach , and mounting
up the wall of the old town Sir Francis flourishing his little

sword called to them in Spanish and Italian * Vienneza, vien-
neza,' causing the soldiers as they climbed to tumble down
among them the ashes and other things that were provided for
them

The alarum being given it was admirable to see with what
courage and resolution our men fought, even the sick soldiers
came running from their huts up to the walls to fight their
shares, and the women with their laps full of powder to supply
them when they had shot away all their ammunition Twice
or thrice when the enemy strived to enter they were beaten off
and could get no advantage The fight upon the breach and the